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FOR S-SPIEGEL ONLY FROM DICK MOOSE

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TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV
SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT IS INTENDED TO INCORPORATE AND
UPDATE LAST NIGHTS UNUSED SUBMISSION. I AM RETURNING
TO NEW YORK TONITE (ONLY FLIGHT AVAILABLE) AND WILL BE
IN WASHINGTON EARLY TOMORROW.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AFTER A DIFFICULT SESSION WITH LORD
CARVER IN DAVID OWEN'S OFFICE WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DICK
MOOSE AND STEVE LOW (WHO CAME UP FROM LUSAKA TO JOIN

THE TALKS) SAW OWEN AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON. OWEN BEGAN
THE SESSION BY STRESSING HIS COMMITMENT TO COOPERATE
WITH US, TO TREATING THE NATIONALISTS EQUALLY AND
HE DISCLAIMED ANY INTEREST IN DEALING UNILATERALLY
WITH JOSHUA NKOMO.

OWEN SAID THAT AFTER REFLECTING ON CARVER'S
PROPOSALS AND DICK'S AND STEVE'S STRENUOUS CRITIQUE
OF THE PRECEDING EVENING, HE WAS CONVINCED THAT
CARVER MUST ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH. HE AGREED
THAT CARVER SHOULD AVOID LAYING DOWN ANY FIRM PROPOSALS
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AT THE OUTSET, RETHINK HIS EARLIER REFUSAL TO MAKE ANY
BUT MINOR CHANGES IN THE COURTS AND POLICE, AND MAKE
SOME BASIC ALTERATIONS IN HIS THINKING ABOUT THE
FORCE STRUCTURE OF THE ZIMBABWE ARMY AND THE DEGREE TO
WHICH LIBERATION ELEMENTS CAN BE INTEGRATED WITH
EXISTING RHODESIAN SUPPORT UNITS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THIS CONVERSATION, OWEN MET PRIVATELY WITH CARVER,

OBTAINING HIS AGREEMENT TO THESE POINTS, AS WELL AS CARVER'S UNEQUIVOCAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITMENT TO BASE THE NEW ARMY ON THE LIBERATION FORCES. MOOSE AND LOW THEN HAD A BRIEF BUT FRIENDLY MEETING WITH CARVER AND THEY REPORT THAT HIS ATTITUDE WAS MUCH CHANGED.

OWEN STRESSED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF CARVER TO THE INITIATIVE BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CARVER HAD NOT INITIALLY UNDERSTOOD THE NECESSITY OF US SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE. HE BELIEVES CARVER IS NOW COMING AROUND AND HE STRESSED HIS FIRM BELIEF THAT STEVE LOW MUST BE A CLOSE PART OF CARVER'S TEAM.

ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION DURING THE CONVERSATION, OWEN TOLD DICK AND STEVE THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS CARVER WOULD HAVE TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AS A BASIS ON WHICH HE COULD EFFECTIVELY GOVERN RHODESIA DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. IF CARVER WAS NOT SATISFIED, OWEN SAID HE MIGHT NEED TO BRING THE FIELD MARSHAL TO SEE YOU. OWEN CONTINUES TO PLACE GREAT FAITH IN THE DECISIVE ROLE HE BELIEVES WE PLAY IN THIS ISSUE.

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